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TANGIER, CEUTA, VILLA NADOR BUDGETS FOR 1953; TANGIER TAXATION

TANGIER ASSEMBLY PASSES ORDINARY BUDGET, TAX BILL -- Tangier, Espana, 18 Dec 52

On 17 December 1952, the Legislative Assembly of Tangier approved the Inter-national Zone's budget for 1953. The bill's provisions are as follows (in francs): revenues, 1,642,410,000; expenditures, 1,608,329,504; and surplus, 33,580,496.

The assembly passed a bill amending Article 18 of the Law of 9 January 1952 on license fees [levied on business, industry, and professionals]. It also ap-proved by majority vote a bill, which had not been in the published agenda, lev-ying a consumer tax of one percent on all goods manufactured in or imported into Tangier.

The administration, in sponsoring the tax, explained that it would help fi-nance the planned expansion of the port of Tangier. The legislative committees concerned had supported the measure, emphasizing the need for an annual sum of between 120 million and 140 million francs to cover the service of a loan or of an advance reimbursable within a period of 15 years. They had further provided that the new tax revenue should be allocated exclusively to the port expansion projects.

TANGIER ASSEMBLY APPROVES SPECIAL BUDGET, INDEMNITIES FOR RIOT DAMAGES -- Tangier, Espana, 29 Jan 53

The Tangier Legislative Assembly, meeting in plenary session on 28 January 1953, considered the budgetary matters on its agenda

The session opened with a request by Si Ahmed Tazi, Mendoub of the Sultan, that the Spanish, French, and British delegations each designate a vice-presi-dent. All three delegations voted to continue the present incumbents in office.

Under the chairmanship of Jose Jorro, vice-president for the Spanish del-egation, the assembly acknowledged the resubmittal by the Committee of Control of the ordinary budget [discussed above] and of the budget of the Customs Serv-ice of Tangier for 1953 for amendment.

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Then the assembly took up the extraordinary budget for 1953, which comprises total revenues of about 525,500,000 francs and total expenditures of 438,852,000 francs.

There was heated debate in connection with the reserve fund of 200 million francs. Of that sum, 86 million francs were supposed to be obtained from the postponement of projects previously agreed on. After a 10-minute recess in the debate, Assemblyman Hassan introduced an amendment providing that construction of the customhouse and the prospective works on the Mogoga River be suspended.

The amendment might have been carried, but Assemblyman Armand made another suggestion which was unanimously approved; i.e., that the administration have a free hand in determining, in line with the best interests of Tangier, the budgetary items from which to draw funds to make up the 200-million-franc reserve. The assembly then approved the extraordinary budget for 1953.

Before going into executive session to deal with matters pertaining to personnel, the assembly voted to authorize the Administrator to use up to 25 million francs from the reserve fund to settle indemnity claims resulting from the riots of 30 March 1952. Of the total claims, amounting to 27,050,532 francs, the administration proposed the payment of claims for 24,721,138 francs, the reservation of judgment pending further information on claims for 522,510 francs, and the outright rejection of other claims for 1,806,884 francs.

The assembly approved an amendment to the claims-settlement authorization introduced for the Spanish delegation by Ramon V. Franqueira, stating that payment of the claims in question in no way means the acknowledgement by the government of Tangier of any responsibility.

VILLA NADOR, CEUTA APPROVE BUDGETS - Tangier, Espana, 15 Dec 52

On 14 December 1952, the Junta Municipal (Municipal Board) of Villa Nador approved the local budget for 1953, providing for revenues of 1,727,838 pesetas and expenditures in the same amount.

The new budget is larger than that for 1952 because of a larger share granted to the town of the proceeds from taxes on real estate and identity cards. The budget is subject to approval by the Inspeccion de Entidades Municipales (Inspectorate of Municipalities) in Tetnan.

On the same date, the municipal government of Ceuta approved the local budget for 1953, amounting to 21,107,818 pesetas.

It also voted to thank High Commissioner Garcia Valino for having given his support to the plan for the new automatic telephone exchange of Ceuta, to be installed in the near future.

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